The Cochin Cultivating Verumpatamdars' Bill

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* I beg to present the Select Committee Report on the Cochin Cultivating Verumpattamdars Bill. I would like to make a short statement. The hon'ble members can find from the Select Committee Report that drastic changes have been made by the Committee in many of the leading provisions of the Bill, and in view of these vital changes made by the Committee Government have to re-examine those provisions very carefully. That will require some time. Government do not therefore propose to make any further motions on the Bill at present.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Under S. O. 60 (1) I wish to present a petition addressed to the Legislative Council by the President Cochin *Karshaka Sabha.*

Deputy President: There is no motion before the House. The matter is not actually under the consideration of the Council. If there was a further motion then you could have presented the petition.

The Cochin Land Acquisition Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): I beg to present the Select Committee Report on the Cochin Land Acquisition Act (Amendment) Bill. This Bill is very vitally connected with the other Bill. I am not making any motion in respect of this Bill also.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* May I know whether the Government intend to proceed with the Bill?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* Government have to re-examine the position and then make up their mind.

Resolutions—*(cont.)*

Deputy President: We shall now take up resolutions.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* I rise to a point of order. There is no enabling provision in our Act which entitiles members to proceed with resolutions when there are non-official bills pending. Bills must be first disposed of before resolutions are taken up.

Deputy President: It is for the Diwan to allot different days for different kinds of business and that has been done.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Even the President cannot go against the Rules. There is no enabling provision that non-official resolutions should be given precedence to non-official bills

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